

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended): A driving device for a module, comprising:

a rigid component;

a first rigid frame fixed to one side of the rigid component;

a second rigid frame fixed to another side of the rigid component;

an active gear wheel disposed fixed on said first rigid frame;

a passive gear wheel disposed fixed on said second rigid frame;

a driving belt comprising a strain-controlling apparatus installed therein for adjusting a suitable tension to engaged with said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel; and

~~a rigid component connecting said first rigid frame and said second rigid frame;~~

~~wherein said rigid component prevents relative displacement between said first rigid frame and said second rigid frame so that there is no relative displacement between said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel.~~

2. (Currently amended): The driving device of claim 1, wherein said module movably connects to said rigid component.

3. (Currently amended): The driving device of claim 1, wherein said rigid component prevents relative displacement between said first rigid frame and said second rigid frame so that there is no relative displacement between said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel.
~~further comprises: a strain-controlling apparatus installed on said driving belt to allow said driving belt being engaged with said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel with suitable tension.~~

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended): The driving device of claim ~~[[3,]]~~ 1, wherein said strain-controlling apparatus ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a spring.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original): The driving device of claim 1, wherein said module is a scanning module for scanning an image.

10. (New): A scanning module comprising:
a driving device for the module;
wherein said driving device further comprises:
a rigid component;
a first rigid frame fixed one side of the rigid component;
a second rigid frame fixed another side of the rigid component;
an active gear wheel fixed on said first rigid frame;
a passive gear wheel fixed on said second rigid frame; and
a driving belt having a strain-controlling apparatus installed therein for adjusting a suitable tension to engage with said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel.

11. (New): The scanning device according to claim 10, comprising a multiple function peripheral wherein the scanning device is mounted.

12. (New): A device for driving a movable scanning module to scan over a scanning area of a plastic scanner body, the driving device comprising:

a rigid unit further comprising an elongated rigid metal component extending parallel to a scanning direction of the module, a first rigid frame mounted on the plastic scanner body and attached to a first end of the rigid component, and a second rigid frame mounted on the plastic scanner body and attached to a second end of the rigid component;
an active gear wheel fixedly mounted on the first rigid frame;
a passive gear wheel fixedly mounted on the second rigid frame; and
a driving belt engaged with said active gear wheel and said passive gear wheel.

13. (New): The device of claim 12, wherein the elongated rigid component comprises a guiding track for guiding the scanning module.